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**Application No.: 10/562,574**  
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**Proposed Date of Interview:** February 19, 2010      **Proposed Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Type of Interview Requested:** Telephonic

## **INTERVIEW AGENDA**

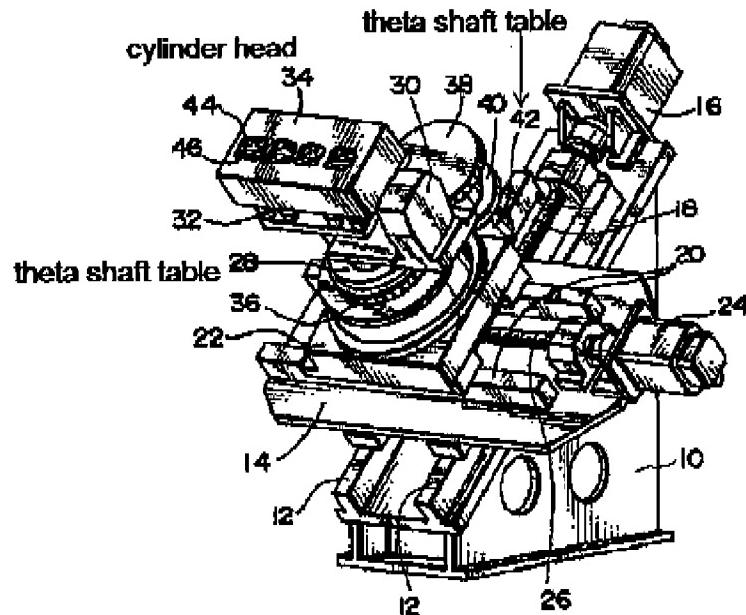
Applicant thanks Examiner Nguyen for agreeing to conduct a telephonic interview regarding the above-identified application during a telephone conference with Applicant's representative on February 11, 2010.

Applicant's representatives propose to discuss the rejection of claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over JP 09-155583 to Oota et al. ("Oota") in view of DE 19909390 to Nowotny et al. ("Nowotny") in the Office Action dated December 8 ,2009 in the following aspects:

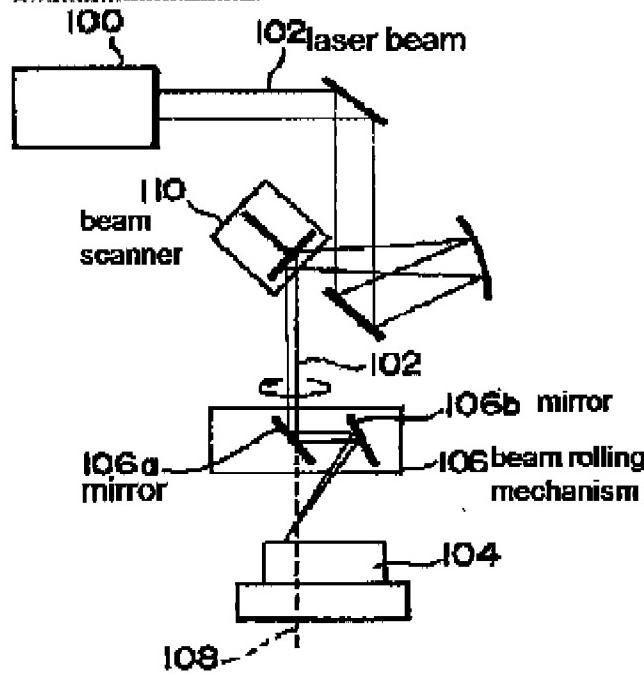
- I. Claim 1 recites, among other things, "a rotator rotating [a] laser-processing head around the central axial line of [a] valve seat portion such that said laser-processing head is inclined with respect to [a] generally vertical line," which is neither disclosed nor suggested in Oota and Nowotny.
    - a. Drawing 1 of Oota instead shows that a cylinder head 34 is mounted on a theta shaft table 28 and is rotated by a theta shaft drive motor 42.
    - b. The proposed combination of Oota's embodiment (Drawing 1) with rotating mirrors 106a and 106b of the prior art apparatus (Drawing 8) would change the principle of operation in Oota.
    - c. Oota teaches away from rotating a laser beam by a rotator in view of paragraph [0005]. Oota at paragraphs [0015], [0034]-[0036] also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a laser beam in a fixed position while rotating a cylinder head, in order to perform laser-clad processing uniformly and precisely.
    - d. The annotated Drawings 1 and 8 are provided below.

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[Drawing 1]



[Drawing 8]



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- II. Claim 1 recites, among other things, “[a] nozzle . . . configured to direct [a] powdery material in a direction substantially parallel to [a] central axial line in an equal amount across [a] process part of [a] valve seat portion,” which is neither disclosed nor suggested in Oota and Nowotny.
- III. Method claim 6 is not obvious for reasons at least similar to those set forth above for claim 1.

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